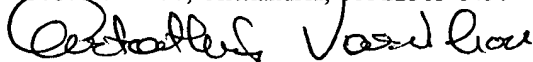


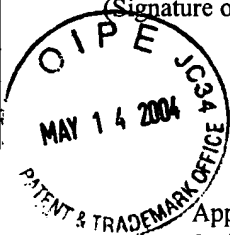
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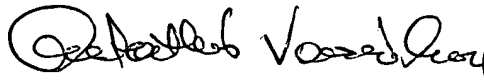
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request amendment of the specification as shown on the attached sheet. The filing date of the provisional application 60/468,780 was inadvertently shown to be April 2, 2003, while it is actually May 7, 2003.

Further, in the Cover Letter of the Information Disclosure Statement, which was submitted at the same time as the above referenced non-provisional application 10/811,576, an irrelevant to the case paragraph was inadvertently added stating "The non-patent Attachment 1, is a drawing representing an article which was being sold before the provisional application 60/170,112 was filed. The present Application claims priority of the provisional application 60/170,112." Please, disregard this paragraph.

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